

# A Biblical Theology of Water: selected Old Testament passages with their fulfillment in Christ

**Exodus 17:3-6** ~ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses, ... And the LORD said to Moses, "... Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink."

**I Corinthians 10:4** ~ All drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.

**Isaiah 12:3, 44:3, 55:1 & 58:11** ~ With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.... For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.... "Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!".... And the LORD will guide you continually and satisfy your desire in scorched places and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.

**John 4:14** ~ Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

**Zechariah 14:16-18** ~ Then everyone who survives of all the nations that have come against Jerusalem shall go up year after year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Booths. And if any of the families of the earth do not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them. And if the family of Egypt does not go up and present themselves, then on them there shall be no rain; there shall be the plague with which the LORD afflicts the nations that do not go up to keep the Feast of Booths.

**John 8:37-39** ~ On the last day of the Feast (of Booths), the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive.

**Ezekiel 47:1-9** ~ Then he brought me back to the door of the temple, and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the temple toward the east.... and it was a river that I could not pass through, for the water had risen.... I saw on the bank of the river very many trees on the one side and on the other.... when the water flows into the sea, the water will become fresh.

**Revelation 22:1-2** ~ Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.